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the Patent application of

David C. Hacker et al.

Petition Examining Attorney: Paul Shanoski

Serial No.:

10/754,493

Group Art Unit: 3736

Filed: January 12, 2004

For: Apparatus and Method for Intraoperative Neural Monitoring

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47

MAIL STOP: PETITIONS Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This renewed petition is submitted in response to the Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.47(a) dated May 31, 2005.

As explained in the Decision on Petition Under 37 CFR §1.47(a), Applicants' original Petition was not granted because the evidence submitted with the original petition failed to establish, to the satisfaction of the Petition Examining Attorney, that a complete copy of the application papers was sent to the legal representative of the deceased non-signing inventor and because the Declaration sent to the legal representative of the deceased non-signing inventor failed to contain the last known address of the deceased inventor as well as the citizenships of the deceased inventor and his legal representative. The aforementioned deficiencies are believed to be satisfied by this renewed petition.

The following documents are submitted herewith in support of this renewed

petition:

Exhibit A: Copy of a letter dated July 8, 2005 from Trevor D. Arnold, Senior Patent Counsel for Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc., to Katherine M. Rupp;

Exhibit B: Copy of Supplemental Declaration enclosed with the letter of Exhibit A including Declaration Supplemental Sheet For Legal Representatives (35 U.S.C. 117)

On Behalf of a Deceased or Incapacitated Inventor and Declaration For Utility or Design Patent Application (37 CFR 1.63) with two pages of Additional Inventor(s) Supplemental Sheets:

Exhibit C: Copy of certified mail receipts pertaining to the mailing of Exhibit A and its enclosures to Katherine Rupp;

Exhibit D: Copy of the front face of the envelope in which Exhibit A and its enclosures were mailed to Katherine Rupp and bearing the stamp of the U.S. Postal Service showing the mailing was unclaimed or refused; and

Exhibit E: Copy of certified mail receipts pertaining to the mailing of Exhibit A and its enclosures to Katherine Rupp's legal representative.

Exhibit A is a letter from Trevor D. Arnold, Senior Patent Counsel for Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc., to Katherine M. Rupp, the legal representative of the deceased non-signing inventor, Lionel Rupp. Katherine Rupp's status as legal representative for Lionel Rupp was established in Applicants' original petition. The letter of Exhibit A demonstrates that a complete copy of the application papers for the subject patent application, including the specification, claims, drawings and a Supplemental Declaration, were sent to Katherine Rupp with a request that she review the application and sign and date the Supplemental Declaration as the legal representative of Lionel

Rupp. Exhibit A shows that the subject letter and its enclosures were sent to Katherine Rupp via certified mail, and further shows that copies of the subject letter and its enclosures were sent to Donald Farinacci, Katherine Rupp's legal representative, via certified mail. Donald Farinacci's status as legal representative for Katherine Rupp was established in Applicants' original petition.

Exhibit B is a copy of the Supplemental Declaration referred to and enclosed with the letter of Exhibit A sent to Katherine Rupp and her legal representative. The Supplemental Declaration consists of a Declaration Supplemental Sheet For Legal Representatives(35 USC 117) On Behalf of A Deceased or Incapacitated Inventor setting forth Katherine Rupp's name, residence, mailing address and citizenship, and the original Declaration For Utility Or Design Patent Application (37 CFR 1.63) executed by the other co-inventors with page 2 of the Additional Inventor(s) Supplemental Sheet revised to include the last known address and citizenship for Lionel Rupp. A removable "sign and date" label was affixed to the Declaration Supplemental Sheet to identify the boxes for Katherine Rupp to insert the date and her signature.

Exhibit C is a copy of the certified mail receipts of the U.S. Postal Service pertaining to the mailing of Exhibit A and its enclosures to Katherine Rupp via certified mail, return receipt requested.

Exhibit D is a copy of the front face of the envelope in which Exhibit A and its enclosures were mailed to Katherine Rupp via certified mail, return receipt requested, and bears the stamp of the U.S. Postal Service establishing that the mailing was returned to Medtronic Sofamor Danek on July 25, 2005 as being unclaimed or refused by Katherine Rupp.

Exhibit E is a copy of the certified mail receipts of the U.S. Postal Service pertaining to the mailing of Exhibit A and its enclosure to Donald Farinacci, Katherine Rupp's legal representative at Fischbein, Badillo, Wagner and Harding. Exhibit E establishes that the mailing sent to Donald Farinacci was received and signed for on July 14, 2005. To date, no response has been received from Donald Farinacci on behalf of Katherine Rupp.

The evidence presented by this renewed petition establishes that a complete copy of the application papers for the subject patent application was sent to both Katherine Rupp and her legal representative with a request for execution of the Supplemental Declaration by Katherine Rupp as legal representative for the deceased non-signing inventor, Lionel Rupp. The evidence presented by this renewed petition further establishes that the application papers sent to Katherine Rupp and her legal representative included a Supplemental Declaration in conformance with 37 CFR §1.63 and that Katherine Rupp has refused to execute the Supplemental Declaration by virtue of her refusal to accept the application papers. Accordingly, the evidence provided by this renewed petition addresses and overcomes the deficiencies found by the Petition Examining Attorney in Applicants' original petition.

Since the petition fee under 37 CFR §1.47 has already been paid in connection with the original petition, no additional petition fee should be due in connection with this renewed petition. If, however, an additional petition fee is found to be required, authorization is hereby granted to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0449. A petition for a two month extension of time for responding to the Decision on Petition under 37 CFR §1.47(a) is submitted herewith along with the required extension of time

fee.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that this petition be granted and that the Supplemental Declaration submitted herewith be accepted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.47(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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July 8, 2005

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Re:

US Patent Application No.: 10/754,493

Title: Apparatus and Method for Intraoperative

Neural Monitoring

Our Docket No.: PD251.00

Dear Ms. Rupp:

Enclosed please find a complete copy of the above-referenced patent application as filed with the USPTO on January 12, 2004, including the specification, claims and drawings. A Supplemental Declaration is also enclosed. We ask that you please review the application and sign and date the Declaration Supplemental Sheet as the legal representative of Lionel Rupp. Please do so by July 22, 2005 and return the fully executed documents to me in the pre-addressed and stamped envelope enclosed. The Supplemental Declaration consists of the Declaration Supplemental Sheet for Legal Representatives and the original Declaration executed by the other co-inventors, but with a revised page 2 of the Additional Inventor(s) Supplemental Sheet which includes that last known address for Lionel Rupp. The Declaration Supplemental Sheet indicates that you are a United States citizen. If, however, you are not a U.S. citizen, please indicate your correct country of citizenship on the Supplemental Declaration.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Trevor D. Arnold Sr. Patent Counsel

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Enclosures

cc: Donald Farinacci (w/encl.via certified mail)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Apparatus and Method for Intraoperative Neural Monitoring the specification of which (Title of the Invention) 回 is attached hereto OR was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable). I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a fiting date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Prior Foreign Application Foreign Filing Date **Priority Certifled Copy Attached?** Number(s) Country (MM/DD/YYYY) **Not Claimed** YES NO Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto: I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below Application Number(s) Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 60/441,471 01/22/2003 Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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